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CITY HITS BELL

Refuses Check for Half a Million Dollars Which is Chicago's Share of Six Months Receipts

City Contends That Telephone Company Violated Its Contract When It Raised Rates Through State Utilities

The increase of telephone rates by the state board of public utilities is not recognized by the city of Chicago, the city claiming that the act of the telephone company was a violation of its contract.

A check for \$500,000, representing the city's franchise share of six months' receipts of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, was handed back to the company Monday by Deputy Comptroller Gosselin, acting on advice of Special Assistant Corporation Counsel Chester E. Cleveland. W. J. Boyd, treasurer of the telephone company, who brought the money to the city hall, was instructed to send a letter to the comptroller tendering the check and stating the purpose for which it was paid.

The city now holds uncashed telephone company checks for more than \$1,000,000, representing franchise payments it has refused to take owing to the dispute with the telephone company over telephone rates. The company's franchise specifies that it must pay the city 3 per cent of its gross receipts in return for the privilege of using city streets, and also requires the company to submit to city regulation of rates.

Attorneys for the city contend that the company violated its city franchise when it went to the state public utilities commission and secured permission to increase rates above the city ordinance amounts without securing the consent of the city. They advised the city comptroller that the city would be compounding the alleged offense if it accepted 3 per cent of receipts claimed to be illegal.

Gov. Small will be a candidate for re-election in 1924, according to Senator Richard R. Meents, one of the governor's closest political allies and his spokesman in the senate.

TEN ARE KILLED IN MINERS' WAR

Invasion of Logan, W. Va., Begins at Three Points, Say Reports.

DEFY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

Advancing Columns Fires on Sheriff's Patrol—Dispatch of U. S. Regular Troops to District Only Matter of Hours.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 1.—Casualties in the fighting on three fronts total ten killed and a large number wounded, according to reports to the sheriff's office.

Battles are still in progress with an increasing number of men engaged and the battle front lengthening. The report to Logan Courthouse said that 2,500 miners are attacking. While it is believed the number was exaggerated, a big convoy of automobiles carrying deputies, machine guns and munitions was rushed to Mill Creek headquarters.

Fighting has also continued during the day at Blair. The miners have made further attempts to storm the sheriff's stronghold on Blair mountain, but have failed to dislodge the force of deputies, according to Sheriff Don Chafin. Mill Creek is four miles from Logan Courthouse.

The fighting at Crooked Creek is nine miles from Logan Courthouse, believed to be the objective of the miners.

Four hundred defenders are on Mill mountain, where the sheriff's forces

are making a stand. The mountain passes in this section are commanded by machine guns and if the miners attempt a mass attack a slaughter is feared.

Ready to Move Regulars.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Dispatches of federal troops to the Mingo district of West Virginia appears to be only a matter of hours.

Governor Morgan, in telegrams to President Harding and Secretary of War Weeks, declared that the marching miners have not yet made any move to obey the President's demand that they withdraw to their homes. Disorder is still in progress, the governor stated.

Armed men are mobilizing and openly declaring they will force a declaration of martial law, according to the governor's telegram. It follows:

"Skirmish firing began at seven o'clock in the morning on Blair mountain and continued for an hour when suspended. Armed men continued to mobilize in Kanawha valley during night, commandeering automobiles and conveying dynamite and other explosives up Lens creek to the trouble zone.

"At 11 o'clock 1,000 men gathered near Marmot making declarations they will not disperse until martial law is declared, and that they intend to force same. Also threaten to blow up troop trains."

Similar advices were received at the War department from Col. Charles F. Thompson, military intelligence officer, who was sent from Camp Sherman, O., to investigate.

5,000 Men Under Arms.

Five thousand men under arms have mobilized at the Boone-Logan county lines and are openly asserting they will not obey the President's proclamation, according to another telegram received by Secretary Weeks.

A proclamation has been prepared at the War department declaring a state of martial law in as large a section of the state as may be necessary. It is being held in readiness for immediate issuance in the event of an emergency.

Major General H. H. Bandholtz of the general staff, who will command any troops that may be sent, is keeping in close touch with the department. He is in Charleston. It is understood that his reports have been far from reassuring.

Legionnaires Cheer Miners.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 1.—When volunteers for service in Logan county to help repel the invasion by armed miners were called for here at a meeting of the Charleston post of the American Legion, all but 15 of the 200 in attendance marched out of the hall. Gathering on the lawn in front the crowd started singing:

"We'll hang Don Chafin to a sour apple tree."

Chafin is sheriff of Logan county. After this one of the number climbed a tree and led in three cheers for the miners.

The Legionnaires then started marching down State street, but were headed off by a policeman. Adjutant General Charnock then appeared and after arguing with the men they dispersed.

Hearst's American is Starting a Boom for Ex-Gov. Dunne for Mayor in 1923.

The people are now shut off from Lake Michigan all the way from Chicago to the Wisconsin line. Legislation is needed to remedy this. No one should be permitted to fence in the great lake as has been done.

Daniel Ryan gives general satisfaction as president of the county board.

The garbage question is getting to be a serious one.

Charles R. Francis, commissioner of public works, in a letter to Mayor Thompson has appealed for a special meeting of the city council for the consideration of Chicago's problem

of garbage disposal. Curtailed funds necessitating a fewer number of men available for the work have created a serious situation in several sections of the city, the commissioner informed the mayor. In his letter, which followed a conference of aldermen, Mr. Francis tells the mayor that the bureau was allowed \$50,000 less during August than any other month, and that rubbish and garbage are now being hauled eight or nine miles

Attorney General Brundage is ably assisted by ex-Senator Sherman who serves without pay. This was the first appointment made by Mr. Brundage of the scores of attorneys of the state who volunteered to assist him in the legal work of his office after Gov. Small cut the appropriations so deeply that many of the assistants had to be let out for lack of funds. Attorney General Brundage announced when Gov. Small made the cut in his appropriation that much of the work of the office would have to be abandoned for want of legal help and it was then that many outside attorneys volunteered their assistance.

Chicago needs money to hold the good reputation of her electric light system. On this account the city administration has decided to ask the voters for permission to spend \$15,000,000 for extension and rehabilitation of the municipal electric light system, and \$5,000,000 for a new police and fire alarm signal system.

Commissioner of Gas and Electricity William G. Keith made the announcement. He said that the council finance committee will be asked in the near future to recommend to the city council that both bond issues be placed on the ballot next spring. The voters disapproved of the \$15,000,000 issue in 1920 by a close vote.

Chicago aldermen who have been touring western towns during vacation are all turn up over the movie theater situation. Ald. Kavanaugh wants all seats 30 feet from the stage

POLITICAL TALK

Gossip About Leaders in Public Life In Chicago and Illinois, Their Work and Movements

Personal and Official Acts and Ambitions of the People Who Make or Enforce Your Laws

Labor Day is a great holiday and the 23d ward republicans will have a record-breaking crowd at their picnic at Riverview park next Monday. Anti-Thompson-Lundin Republicans from every ward in the city have promised to attend and a good athletic program has been arranged. Among the speakers will be Senator

for ward committeeman. Officers elected were: William E. Mooney, 109 North Dearborn street, president; Frank B. Collins, William Clancy, and Pierce Shannon, vice presidents.

The city clerk's office costs more to run now than it ever did and the people get less out of it. Time was when Citizens could get copies of the printed council proceedings free of charge for the asking. Now they have to pay a yearly subscription of \$2.50 to get a look at them.

D. A. Moses and wife, of Chicago, gave a dinner at the Elks Home, Colorado Springs, in commemoration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Moses' father and mother, Dr. J. E. and Mrs. Elizabeth Moses of Kansas City, Mo.

Ex-service men will continue to receive the preference under the new postoffice administration, according to Arthur C. Leuder, recently appointed head of the Chicago postoffice.

Twelve thousand more pupils this year than last, only three new schools to house 4,500 of them, and a plan of the board of education to do away with portable houses make Peter A. Mortenson, superintendent of schools, wonder where he is going to put them all.

Isadore Hochstein, chief clerk in the city prosecutor's office, is one of the rising young men in the Republican party of Chicago.

MANY ARE SHOT IN BELFAST RIOT

Hospitals of Irish City Are Filled With Persons Wounded During Clash.

TROOPS NOW IN CONTROL

Street Fighting of the Most Savage Character Continues—Fourteen Persons Killed—Soldiers Remain in Barracks.

Belfast, Sept. 1.—Rioting and sniping died down in Belfast following the advent of military forces which patrolled the streets in the disturbed districts.

The death list in the rioting here has reached 14, while scores have been wounded.

Hospitals Filled With Wounded.

Fierce revolver fighting between Ulster loyalists and Sinn Feiners continued here, causing scenes of wildest excitement in some of the city's main thoroughfares. The staffs in the hospitals have been strained to the utmost caring for the wounded in Tuesday night's rioting.

Street fighting of the most savage character continues in this city.

Many streets in the very center of the city were left in inky darkness because the lamplighters refused to enter the bullet-swept streets and in the obscurity the opposing snipers were very active.

The day's rioting and outburst culminated at 9 o'clock in the appearance of a party of men armed with rifles who entered Stanhope street, took positions on the ground and opened a hot fire. Pedestrians stampeded from the fusillade. Many who were near enough to see the men doing the shooting declared the rifles carried were brand new. It was the most audacious incident of the fighting since it broke out on Monday.

Soldiers Take No Part.

The exchange of shots between the contending parties began early in the morning and gradually spread over an

extensive area with increasing intensity.

During a fusillade on North Queen street in the afternoon two persons were killed and a dozen wounded. An armored car was sent to the scene to stop the fighting. Outside of detachments in armored cars the military forces of the government have not interfered in the rioting. Victoria barracks, where the troops are housed, was within the zone of Tuesday's disorders and the walls of the buildings were hit frequently by bullets.

The cutting of milk prices does not please the dairymen in the Fox River Valley. There has been a big meeting of delegates representing thousands of dairymen of the Chicago district at Dundee. A cut of 80 cents, making the price \$1.50 per hundred pounds, is at the base of the expected shortage, according to the dairymen. They claim they cannot continue in the business under such conditions. Many say they will sell to cheese and butter factories at the \$1.50 price and receive skimmed milk in return, a better bargain for them. Realizing the seriousness of the situation the delegates appointed a committee to confer with Russell J. Poole, Chicago's high cost of living expert, to arrange to care for babies and the sick, who may need milk if a crisis comes.

Milk is on its way to lower prices. Russell J. Poole, secretary of the city council committee on the high cost of living, came back to the city from Waukesha on Monday and said that distributors paying 3½ cents a quart for milk can make a handsome profit by selling it for 10 cents. At 12 cents, he declared, the distributor will get nearly three times as much as the producer.

Democrats may nominate Marshall Field for mayor in 1923—if he is in town at the time.

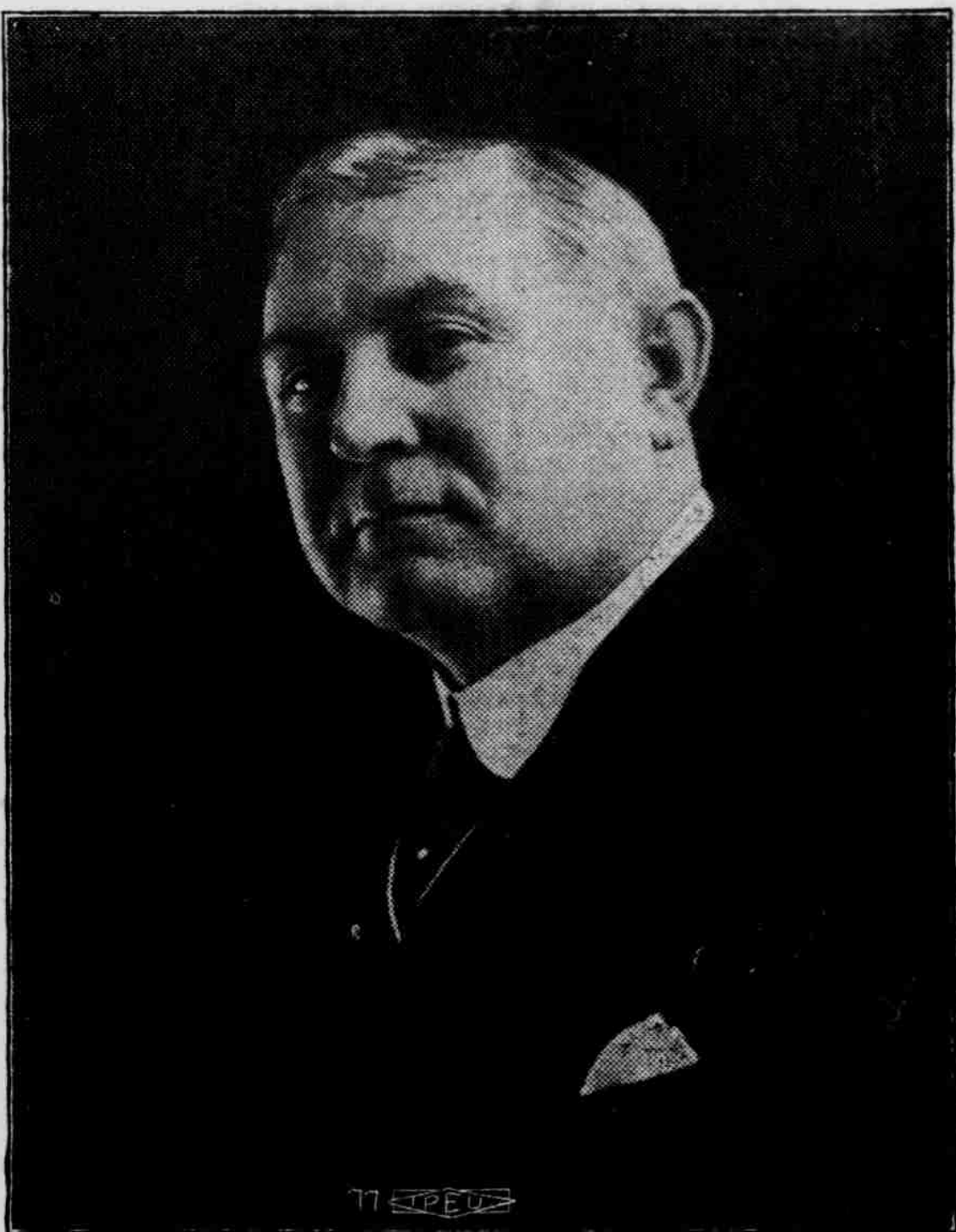
Jim Igoe is against any coalition between Democrats and Republicans that he is not in on.

Colonel Clinchin, assistant U. S. district attorney, is after the Ku Klux Klan.

Official announcement was made of the resignations of Special Assistant State's Attorneys Stephen A. Malato and John Tyrrell, to take effect Sept. 1. Mr. Tyrrell, it was announced, will be succeeded by Harry B. Miller, who resigned as city prosecutor and was soon afterward appointed judge of the Circuit court to fill a vacancy last year. Who Mr. Malato's successor will be is not yet known. Mr. Malato was appointed to handle exclusively all automobile cases and cleared up the docket so as to aid in fighting the insanity pleas of Gene Geary and others.

John M. Naghten, the well known real estate dealer, is popular with all classes, and is always boosting Chicago. He would make a good city treasurer, for which office he is frequently mentioned by his many friends.

President Charles F. Wiehe is making a fine record as head of the West Park Board. He informs us that Washington boulevard is to be improved from Ogden avenue to Halsted street; Austin boulevard from Roosevelt road to North avenue—a needed and urgent improvement; West Adams, from Central avenue to Austin boulevard, and Jackson boulevard from Hamlin to Crawford avenue.



ROBERT M. SWEITZER
Popular County Clerk Whose Official Record Is Without a Stain and Whose Friends Increase in Number Every Day.

because of a lack of available dumping places. He gives a list of places which would make good dumping places.

The West Parks Magazine, published by the West Park Commissioners, is full of valuable information for everybody.

The Association of Commerce in a statement swells D. T. Kelly and Tom Wilson for making the Pageant of Progress a success.

Attorney-General Edward J. Brundage has courage, ability and discernment, which are qualities that make a great public leader. He has never been defeated and political enemies who have ran against him have always failed to interfere with his success.

to save public eyesight. Kavanaugh is chairman of the council committee sub-committee on the subject.

"Any one who has ever seen the arrangement of the seats in the theaters of western cities," said Ald. Kavanaugh, "cannot help but see the good results of the seating arrangement. The houses are almost perfect from a standpoint of safety and health. There can be no overcrowding and every one has the same eye advantage, no difference in what part of the theater they are seated. I talked with several city officials and they were surprised to know that there was no such arrangement in Chicago."

"The music also far surpasses the music in the Chicago houses. I shall call a meeting of the committee as soon as the members now junketing in the east return and I believe we will have revised ordinances governing the theaters before cold weather.

McCormick, Attorney-General Brundage, Ald. Thomas O. Wallace, Ald. Walter P. Steffen, Edwin A. Olson and Edwin R. Litsinger. This picnic has been an annual event for the Republicans of the old 23d ward, and the new ward lines are to be ignored this year.

Judge Frank Johnston, Jr., is much talked of as a strong candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor in 1923.

Patrick J. Carr will be renominated for County Treasurer by the Democrats.

At a meeting of the regular Democratic organization of the Forty-eighth ward in Chateau hall, Grace street and Broadway, Joseph A. Cuklin, 4166 Clarendon avenue, was indorsed

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